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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-43 are pending. Claim 7 is amended to include the features set

forth in each of claims 1, 2, and 4-6 as filed on March 11, 2009. The Examiner is respectfully

requested to reconsider the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks set forth

herein.

Examiner Interview

If, during further examination of the present application, any further discussion with the

Applicants' Representative would advance the prosecution of the present application, the

Examiner is encouraged to contact Carl T. Thomsen, at 1-703-208-4030 (direct line) at her

convenience.

All pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

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<u>CONCLUSION</u>

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and that the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, she is invited to telephone Carl T. Thomsen (Reg. No. 50,786) at (703) 208-4030(direct line).

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

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